



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### LABOR DAY

**WHEREAS**, the working residents of the Commonwealth are known internationally for their leadership and have rightfully earned a worldwide reputation for honesty, integrity, intelligence, skill, and diligence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth and the country continue to face many challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the tireless efforts of employers and workers have kept Virginia moving forward by providing safe, healthy environments for workers and patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, the massive Vaccinate Virginia campaign, which has resulted in nearly 10 million vaccine doses administered, is getting the Commonwealth back to work; and

**WHEREAS**, all Virginians are encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine so that we can keep Virginia businesses open, safe, and healthy for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the unemployment rate in Virginia has dropped from 11.3%, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, to 5.8% today; and

**WHEREAS**, Labor Day honors workers, celebrates their accomplishments, and offers working families a day of relaxation; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 1882, the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated, and Congress passed an act on June 28, 1894 declaring that the first Monday in September would henceforth be known and observed as the Labor Day Holiday;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Ralph Northam, do hereby recognize September 6, 2021, as **LABOR DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth